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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE

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SUBJECT: State's Interest in Telecon with [ ]

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1. At your request O/IC has looked into this question and finds the following: State (OIR) has held a regular telecon with [ ] and now [ ] for a couple of years. ORE and now O/CI people were invited and attended fairly regularly. State is now discontinuing this telecon for economy reasons. OIR thinks it was valuable, however, and hopes that if CIA thinks so too CIA might wish to institute its own telecon with [ ] to which perhaps OIR would be invited.

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2. With respect to the technical facilities [ ] AD/Commo, states that in response to an O/PC request he has made arrangements for telecons with [ ] using the Army channels for two hours a week beginning the end of January. He has received no other requests for time although O/SI has evidenced an interest. The availability of additional time, therefore, has not yet been determined.

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3. It would be inappropriate for OIR to participate in an O/PC or an O/SI telecon. O/RR and O/NE do not have continuing needs requiring telecons with [ ] AD/CI has indicated that his office has only a marginal need for this telecon service, but the working-level analysts in O/CI feel it would be very desirable because it provides a method of getting answers to an accumulation of detailed questions which it would be awkward or unsatisfactory to ask State to handle in a cable as an ad hoc requirement. This, they say, is chiefly because the political desk jealously controls such cables.

4. The O/CI analyst will discuss his needs with his superiors in order to reaffirm or modify AD/CI's initial reaction. The decision on whether CIA requires a telecon of its own to which State might be invited is entirely O/CI's. Upon learning their decision, O/IC will be glad to notify State (Mr. Scammon) unless O/CI wishes to do so itself. Mr. Scammon is now on leave but will check with O/IC on his return about 28 January.

State Department review completed

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